



# Board of Pharmacy

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January 20, 2022

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
241 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: House Bill 28 – Pharmacists – Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use – Letter of Concern**

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of concern for House Bill (HB) 28 – Pharmacists – Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use.

After reviewing the text of HB 28, the Board has concern regarding the ambiguity of the scope. The Board is unclear as to whether the “tobacco replacement product” includes all smoking cessation products or only nicotine replacement products. The Board submits that HB 28 should be amended to define “tobacco replacement product.”

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov](mailto:deena.speights-napata@maryland.gov) / (410) 764-4753.

Sincerely,

Deena Speights-Napata, MA  
Executive Director

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